

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

4/A
7-8-03
J. Oster

In re application of

Shigeo FUJITA

Appln. No.: National Stage of PCT/JP00/03479
Filed May 30, 2000

Confirmation No.: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: January 29, 2002

Examiner: Unassigned

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING SPARK PLUG

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

4. (Amended) A method according to clam 1, further comprising a step of:
retrieving the spacer after bending the metal strip so that the gap-distance between the
metal strip and the center electrode is able to be adjusted to a required value by referring to a
position of the preliminary bent metal strip and the position of the firing end of the center
electrode.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of:
welding a metal plate tip to a lateral side of the metal strip for a ground electrode after
providing the metal strip extending from the end of the metal shell and before positioning the

10048181-012902

A)